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From:

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Subject:

OMB Clearance of the Application for Grants Under the Strengthening

Institutions Program, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and

Universities Program, and Alaska Native and Hawaiian Serving

Institutions--1840-0114

Hi Rachel:

Attached for review and approval is the application package for the Strengthen ng Institution Programs. We are requesting a three-year approval. The application will be used for the Fiscal Year 2006 competition, which will be held promptly upon receiving approval.

The application is substantially the same as the former application that expired April 30, 2005. The only significant difference is that we have adopted Grants gov as our electronic application submission system. The data collection requirements and the instructions are the same.

We were not able to get this package to you as early as I had hoped. As a result we are behind the competition schedule that we hoped to keep. Anything that you can do to expedite the review and approval will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me directly if there is anything we can do to assist you with your review.

Attachment: